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## NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

### Annapolis Valley Regional Library (AVRL)

**CAP - Community Access Program**

The Wolfville CAP Site was asked to submit a proposal for sustainability funding which is being made available to the program's initial sites.

**LibraryNet**

The Annapolis Valley Regional Library was the recipient of a grant through the LibraryNet program which provided three youth (30 years of age or under) to work in branch libraries to deliver programming in conjunction with technology. Some of the programs to be delivered are after-school programs for various age groups. These include pre-school programs where

children hear a story then view the subject on the Internet, one-on-one tutorials, workshops, and tea time for seniors.

**Smart Communities**
The Smart Libraries project is proceeding on schedule. This is a very exciting time for staff as they look toward offering services beyond the walls of our libraries, promoting existing services and putting libraries in a very visible position.

**Branch Services Report, September 2001**
The provincial Summer Reading Program theme *Don't Bug Me...I'm Reading!* was a huge success. It is not surprising that bugs proved to be a popular topic with most children. In Annapolis Royal, student Alycia Reynolds developed four weekly story and craft sessions with two age groups, using a different bug each week as the theme. She initiated a Tuesday evening "Just Before Bedtime" session for all ages. Children were encouraged to wear their "jammies" and bring a favourite stuffed toy.

An end-of-the-summer party was held for all those who participated in the programs. They enjoyed games, snacks and the movie "Bug's Life". In Middleton, similar children's programming took place throughout the summer through the efforts of student Karen Gaetz. Stories, crafts, tutorials, and a trivia contest were featured events. Kingston branch held a popular Dead Bug Contest (no deliberately-killed bugs were accepted!). Entries were bagged and displayed on a library wall. Judging took place for "longest legs", "biggest bug", "greatest wingspan" etc. Wolfville student, Leigh-Ellen Dunstan, established a weekly Tales for Tots (ages 2-5); a Kids Club (ages 6-12); a monthly Coffee and Conversation for adults; and contributed to a weekly newspaper column promoting these events.

An end-of-the-season Bug Ball closed out the summer fun at the Wolfville Library. Bug expert, Bruce Carter from the Dept. of Natural Resources, held a popular bug identification session in 9 libraries. Children and adults alike were fascinated with his displays of bugs from around the world.

Computer sessions were held in most branches throughout the summer and will continue into the fall. Special features included the Kids Cybercamp at the Kingston Library for ages 8-11 held during the first week of August; and Kool Kids at the Wolfville CAP Lab.

Kentville recently hosted an Evening Tea Party featuring books from Oprah's Book Club. Refreshments were served.

Kentville Librarian, Winnie Stephens-Wills, announced her retirement after almost 20 years with AVRL. As well, Wolfville Librarian Sharon Wendt, tendered her resignation as Branch Manager after 13 years. Patrons will miss seeing their smiling, familiar faces.

Staff member Catherine Whitney, and children's librarian, Kitty Forrestall, will be visiting schools throughout the Valley during September and October to promote the services offered by the libraries and bookmobiles.

Staff are excited about the prospects of expansion at the Middleton branch and continued plans for a new Windsor library.

## Cape Breton Regional Library (CBRL)

Fall 2001 is a busy time at the Cape Breton Regional Library. September is filled with the closing ceremonies at all the Cape Breton Regional Library Branches where we recognize and congratulate our summer readers. This year's Summer Reading Program, *Don't Bug me!...I'm Reading!* has been a great success, 736 children read an impressive 12,854 books in conjunction with the program. As Summer Reading concluded, Celtic Conversations began. The McConnell Library hosted Celtic Conversations as part of the Celtic Colours International Festival. The topic this year was *Examining the Historical, Cultural, and Artistic Expression of the Celtic Peoples* held at the McConnell Library, October 12.

With the conclusion of Celtic Conversations, the Cape Breton Regional Library, with the assistance of the University College of Cape Breton will host NSLA 2001. Visit the web site and register for a great conference at either of the following http://nsla.ns.ca/ or http://www.uccb.ns.ca/library/nsla2001/welcome.html.

## Colchester-East Hants Regional Library (CEHRL)

*Getting connected* ..., an article in the September issue of the *Central Nova Business News* (the official publication of the Truro and District Chamber of Commerce) profiled the work of the Website Co-ordination Committee. The library has been an active participant since the inaugural meeting in June. Recognizing that the creation of one inclusive site for Colchester County would be unwieldy and a nightmare to maintain, members are learning about each other's web sites. The focus is then on the use of hot links to avoid duplication and to guide visitors from one site to another, thereby creating a co-operative Colchester presence on the world wide web.

The Gates Learning Centre for Electronic Information in the Truro library has become the favoured location for the committee's meetings. In the above mentioned article, chamber vice-president and committee chair, Bob Williams praises the facility and encourages "anyone who does not own or have easy access to a PC and the internet [to] take a look at the Gates Centre".

## Eastern Counties Regional Library (ECRL)

This summer, in an effort to extend access to the library's collection, Donna Doyle, Community Relations Assistant, introduced more than 60 people to the Eastern Counties Regional Library website through Web Training workshops at CAP sites and library branches..

Patrons at the new CAP site in Marie Joseph, District of St. Mary's, learned to search and request books and information online. The CAP site provides a convenient location to drop off library books. New library cards were issued and patrons searched for everything from quilt patterns to custom car restoration.

Family Reading Program Co-ordinator, Joyce Rankin, reported that the series of summer story hours was very successful. Young readers in Waycobah, L'Ardoise, Judique and Inverness were given the opportunity to develop their listening skills and increase their enthusiasm. Because there was a shortage of multicultural Big Books and Flannel Board stories for use in Chapel Island and Waycobah, Joyce created a collection of Flannel Board stories that could be used throughout the coverage area of ECRL. Using Native-Canadian and African legends, she created stories and figures to reflect appropriate role models and messages and depict examples of heritage activities.

In late September at Port Hawkesbury's Ship Harbour Days celebration, local writers were invited to read a sample from their original works to a receptive audience of more than 45 persons at the first ever "Waterfront Readings." In addition to ten members of the newly-established Write Club, the event welcomed special guest authors, Dan Doucet and Beatrice MacNeil. Both writers have books that are included in the ECRL collection.

During the latter part of August, ECRL was pleased to act as the Regional Library pilot site for the newly purchased MultiLIS inventory module. The target for this project was the School Services collection which is located in library headquarters.

Over 5000 shelf items were inventoried by the library's YCW grant worker over the 5 day period. Scanned bar codes were uploaded and reports run daily to identify missing materials and items with problem status codes. With the inventory modules, it is now possible to identify and correct all items that do not have the proper location and collection code, or with problem bar codes.

Lesley Carruthers joined ECRL's ranks as Co-ordinator of Rural and Outreach Services. A resident of Port Hawkesbury, Lesley brings to ECRL a background in the public education system as well as extensive involvement in community-based literacy organizations and initiatives. Media communications, promotional activities, and fund-raising campaigns are just some of the things that will keep Lesley busy!

## Halifax Regional Library (HRL)

**Official Tantallon Public Library Opening**

The long-awaited Tantallon Public Library celebrated its official opening on Saturday, October 13 at 10 am. "We're pleased to be opening a new and much-needed branch in this rapidly growing area of HRM," says Judith Hare, Chief Executive Officer, Halifax Regional Library. "By opening in Tantallon, The Halifax Regional Library is also fulfilling a bigger mandate to provide service in areas outside the urban core." The new 12,000 square foot library, with a collection capacity of 53,000 volumes, will service a rapidly growing area currently served by library Mobile Service. It contains a large meeting room which may be booked for community meetings and functions, a multi-media collection, public access computer terminals, study and reading areas as well as a pre-school area. It will also feature both children's and adult programming.

## Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library (PARL)

The Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library recently hired two Technical Training Assistants to help patrons with any problems they may have using computers. As the price of computers continues to slowly drop, their use by all age groups continues to rise. As long as this trend continues, the need for free, one-on-one training remains an important service the library would like to provide. In the past it has been very popular and thanks to a new Industry Canada Library Net grant Amy Sutherland and Brandi Bowman have been selected to fill these positions. Amy will be conducting training sessions at our River John and Pictou branches, as well as the Scotsburn CAP site located at the Scotsburn Elementary School. At the other end of the region, Brandi will be available at our Antigonish branch, the East Antigonish Education Center/Academy in Monastery, the Braemore Center, and the numerous CAP sites around that county.

Story Time started the week of September 24 at all branches except Trenton, where it will begin early in the New Year. On the evening of Wednesday, October 10, at 7:00 p.m., the regional CAP Committee held the official grand opening ceremony for the new CAP site in the Westville Library. On hand to mark the occasion was CAP Coordinator, Bernice Cameron and Fred Popowich, Deputy Chief Librarian.

In programming news, the Pictou County Naturalist Club will host author, hiking guru, and Executive Director of the Nova Scotia Trails Federation, Michael Haynes. Haynes will be presenting his talk, *New Hiking Trails in Nova Scotia Since 1995, a.k.a.- Dawn Death Marches* !

To increase the technical and research skills of younger patrons, Becky Bowman was recently

hired under an Industry Canada Library Net grant. As Children and Youth Technology Coordinator, Becky will be developing a new program which will see her working with children over the ages of five and up to the teen years, assisting them with their research and technical skills. She will also be working with the mothers of the Story Time participants to help them realize the full potential of what the library has to offer. In the past Becky has worked with children in the Summer Reading Program and over the past summer she acted as coordinator.

Fern MacDonald and Jolene Shaw of the busy research department have just completed another project for the PARL home page. To view their latest efforts please go to PARL's homepage at www.parl.ns.ca and click on Local History and Culture. At this page, scroll down to the bottom of the list and hit Historic Log Church of Loch Broom. Here you will be able to read yet another chapter of Nova Scotia's Scottish heritage. This feature is a welcome complement to the digital collection and continues our commitment to increase online information and services. Future projects include the list of Place Names for Pictou and Antigonish Counties (courtesy of the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Managment) and The American Lobster.

PARL will soon take part in an innovative project with the New Glasgow Branch of the Royal Bank. Sponsored by the Canadian Bankers Association, this fact-finding initiative has as it primary goal to discover how financial institutions may be able to meet the growing needs of library patrons and CAP site users. Staff from the bank will be visiting the library to provide free one-on-one introductory training for online banking. In addition, 100 individuals will be invited to attend an introductory session to discuss the implications and future of this new service. This pilot project will also take place at the River John branch.

## Western Counties Regional Library

### Board Profile - Robert Snelgrove

Robert was born in Parry Sound, Ontario. He moved to Shelburne at a very young age when his father was posted in the area during the war. He attended school in Shelburne and in 1965 began a career in the air force which spanned thirty years. During this time Robert rose from the rank of Private to Captain. His profession within the air force was that of Station Comptroller. Initial comptroller training was gained in St. Jean Quebec but education in the field of finance was ongoing.

During his years in the air force Robert had the opportunity to explore various parts of Canada. In addition he spent six months in Bermuda and he was assigned to a peace keeping mission in Egypt. Robert recalls that his best job during his air force years was that of CANEX Officer at the Canadian Forces Exchange System in Suffield, Alberta. The work, social life and culture made his stay a memorable one.

Since retiring from the air Force, Robert became involved in local politics. He is currently

serving his second term on Shelburne Town Council. In between civic responsibilities, Robert can often be found indulging in his favourite hobby - vegetable and flower gardening.

**Smart Libraries Project**
Participation in the Community Access Program led Western Counties Regional Library to a partnership with the Western Valley Development Authority. Subsequently, the work with the WVDA has led to the library becoming part of the WVDA's application under the Smart Communites Project. In May, 2000 when the WVDA became the Demonstration Project for Nova Scotia, Western Counties was part of the $4.5 million project. Working with Annapolis Valley Regional Library, Western Counties is in the process of developing a Smart Libraries project which will extend library services via the Internet to all citizens in our region.

**VISUNET Launch**
The official launch of VISUNET CANADA, a service for print disabled individuals, took place during an Open House at the Yarmouth branch library on Wed. Aug. 8. VISUNET CANADA is a partnership which links the resources of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind Library with libraries in Nova Scotia. Guests at the Open House included Pat Campbell, Vision Rehabilitation Nurse and Chris Judge, Intake and Reference Manager for the CNIB. VISUNET provides print disabled individuals with access to over 50,000 titles in alternate formats such as braille, audio, descriptive video and electronic text.

**Summer Reading Winners**
Kenzie Nickerson, Shelburne County, plans to share his new scooter and helmet with his brother Keagan. Keagan was one of the provincial winners of a *Bag of Books* from Tattletales. Other scooter winners were Brandon Madden from Yarmouth County and Thomas Saulnier from Digby County.

This summer's reading program, sponsored by McDonald's, was by far the most successful to date with a 66% increase in children's books circulated over last year. Children especially enjoyed the "Who Wants to be a McMillionaire?" contest. The more they read, the better their chances were of winning a grand prize!

**Friends in Action**
Clark's Harbour Friends of the Library had a successful 'sweetwalk' in July. The profit was used to purchase toddler books. The annual Dutch Auction was scheduled for Oct. 1 at the Clark's Harbour school. Pubnico Friends of the Library continued their spruce up work with the addition of a rock garden in front of the library. Weymouth Friends participated in a local parade this summer and purchased mini blinds for the branch. All groups including Shelburne, Lockeport and Yarmouth Friends are assisting Library Lotto ticket sales, with the draw slated for November 20.

**Library Card Month**
Library Card Month, sponsored by Cameron Publications, will be held in October beginning this year. The change was made to allow school children to get settled into the school year and to co-ordinate the event with the first provincial Public Library Week scheduled from October 15 - 20. Western Counties Regional Library encourages all those who do not have a library card to be sure to pick one up during Library Card Month.

**Satellite Branch Opens**
A satellite branch of Western Counties Regional Library opened at the Havelock CAP site, located in the Havelock school, on Monday, September 18.

**CAP Site Launch**
A Community Access Program site was launched at the Clark's Harbour Library on July 4. CAP is designed to help communities establish public Internet access sites and train local citizens to make use of information technologies. It is a joint initiative of Industry Canada and the Province of Nova Scotia, and is managed by the Technology and Science Secretariat.

**Genealogy Assistance in Digby County**
Those interested in searching their family tree now have a helpful tool to assist in their research. The Surname Index to the Digby Courier - 1877-95 has been compiled by Digby resident Luella Marshall. The booklet lists the marriages and obituaries recorded in the Digby newspaper in its early years. The booklet, published by Western Counties Regional Library can be purchased at www.wcr.library.ns.ca, or at the Isaiah W. Wilson Memorial Library in Digby.

**Staffing Notes**
Stacey Brown was recently hired as the new Headquarters student assistant. David Coulstring, who was hired to develop web content for the WCRL Home Page, has received an extension until December 29.

## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (SLIS)

The School of Library and Information Studies (SLIS), Dalhousie University is pleased to start a new academic year. Due largely to the recruiting efforts of director Bertrum MacDonald and graduate coordinator Judy Dunn, SLIS' intake of new students is well within its enrolment plans.

SLIS announces with regret the departure of Dr. Heidi Julien. Dr. Julien, a valued faculty member at SLIS for three years, has accepted a position at the School of Library and Information Science, University of Alberta. Dr. Julien will be sorely missed by colleagues and students alike.

SLIS is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Fiona A. Black as Assistant Professor effective 1st July 2001. Dr. Black's research has focussed on aspects of the history of print culture and the application of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software to humanities and social science research. Dr. Black will teach courses in the information sources and services area, information literacy, and related topics.

SLIS would like to announce also the appointment of Professor Haidar Moukdad to a tenure-track position effective 1st July 2001. Professor Moukdad is currently completing his Ph.D. at McGill University. Professor Moukdad has held a Lecturer position at SLIS since 1999, where he has been teaching courses that emphasize aspects of information technology including: Database Management Systems, Multimedia Systems, and Information Retrieval. Professor Moukdad's research has focussed on multilingual information retrieval and the development of multimedia products.

Effective September 2001, SLIS will be offering two new dual-degree Programs: the Master of Library and Information Studies/Master of Business Administration (MLIS/MBA), and the Master of Library and Information Studies/Master of Public Administration (MLIS/MPA). Dalhousie is the first Canadian university to offer these two degree combinations.

Dr. Norman Horrocks, Professor Emeritus, has been named the 2001 recipient of the American Library Association's John Ames Humphrey / OCLC / Forest Press Award for "a significant contribution to international librarianship." The prize of $1,000 and a certificate were presented to Dr. Horrocks at the 2001 conference of the American Library Association.

For further information about these or any other SLIS activities and Programs, contact the Director, Bertrum MacDonald, at macdonal@is.dal.ca, (902) 494-2472 or visit the web site at: http://www.mgmt.dal.ca/slis.

## NOVA SCOTIA PROVINCIAL LIBRARY NEWS

Those who search the NcompasS catalogues will have noticed a new selection - the Nova Scotia Provincial Library catalogue.

This new feature allows patrons to limit their search to NSPL's own collections, and view detailed holdings. As many of you know, NSPL has a significant collection of periodicals and books on librarianship, with special emphasis on public libraries. This valuable resource is available to anyone for consultation at the Provincial Library. As well, these materials can be borrowed by members of the Nova Scotia library community, including students in NSCC's Library Technician Program and the School of Library and Information Studies at Dalhousie. They are also available through the Interlibrary Loan service at your local library.

NSPL's catalogue also includes the Ready Reference and General Reference collections which support the back-up reference service NSPL provides to public libraries and other libraries in the Province. These resources can be consulted on site at the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, and some are also available on ILL.

For more information on borrowing and ILL at NSPL, please contact Dale MacMillan, 424-2479, or inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

## HOT TIPS & UPDATES

### DR. CHARLES MCCLURE VISITS NOVA SCOTIA

Dr. Charles R. McClure visited Nova Scotia September 21-22, 2001. The visit was sponsored by the Nova Scotia Provincial Library, the Library Boards Association of Nova Scotia, Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies, Dalhousie University Libraries, SLIS Associated Alumni, and CASLIS Atlantic Chapter.

Dr. McClure is the Francis Eppes Professor of Information Studies at the School of Information Studies and the Director of the Information Use Management and Policy Institute at Florida State University, Tallahassee, Florida. Dr. McClure is a highly respected researcher, writer, and presenter in the field of measuring the effectiveness of library services. He recently served as the principal investigator for the APLEN (Alberta Library Electronic Network) Project, devising measures to determine he success of libraries in a province-wide network.

On September 21, Dr. McClure addressed nearly 100 students, librarians, and trustees on *Key Issues in the Transition to the Networked Environment*. Some of the issues he challenged the audience with included: why provide digital reference service, how do libraries measure what they are doing in a digital environment, what is the cost of digital reference service versus traditional reference services, how can libraries ensure that the technology is kept current and what can libraries stop doing to enable them to move into the digital reference environment?

On September 22, Dr. McClure presented a workshop on *Developing Statistics and Performance Measures for the Networked Environment*. During the three hour session, he guided participants in how to measure the success of digital library service. Although many measures were presented, he counselled librarians and trustees to collect data on three or four activities that are most important for their particular library. The key point was that no one set of statistics will suit every library. Statistics are used to make a point, thus the ones chosen must be appropriate to the point being made.

Along with choosing appropriate measures, Dr. McClure gave guidance on developing a virtual reference service. For instance, the focus of the library's web site should be what users can do there rather than content. Libraries need to find out what users think about their web

sites and how they use them.

In summary, libraries need to rethink reference and reference services; develop, test, and refine new statistics; and measures and become better at sharing knowledge and information.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LEARNING DISABILITIES

Regional libraries were well represented at the 13th National Conference on Learning Disabilities, held September 27-29 at the World Trade and Convention Centre. NSPL booked a booth, the regional library display unit was set up, and a number of useful contacts were made. Virginia Stoddard, Cathy d'Entremont (WCRL), Rinda Revege (HRL), and Gillian Webster (NSPL) spent time in the booth. 800 delegates from across the country attended the conference. The VISUNET brochure was included in all their registration packages, and generated a number of questions. Many people were unaware that libraries carried talking books, or that inter-library loan even existed. The conference generated a number of follow-up contacts, and ideas on how to provide appropriate library services to this under served group.

## CLA PRESIDENT ISSUES CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLA 2002 IN HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, JUNE 19-22, 2002

CLA President Margaret Law has issued a Call for Proposals for sessions for the joint conference of the Canadian Library Association and the Atlantic Provinces Library Association to be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia June19-22, 2002. Session proposals for the conference program are invited from all CLA divisions, sections, interest groups and committees, from members of APLA and from members of the library community. The theme for the conference is *Inventing our Future*. The 2002 conference will pilot a new program format. The program will be divided into five streams or topic areas.

The streams will run concurrently and are:

- Policy issues: Sessions in this stream include any national issues that CLA is involved with in. This might include such topics as copyright, services to persons with disabilities, telecommunications/band width, Internet filtering, GATS, etc.
- Human resource issues: Sessions in this stream might include personnel issues, such as succession planning, supervision, mentor ship programs, continuing education, competency based hiring, management skills, etc.
- Technology issues: Sessions in this stream might include new technologies, adapting to technological change, technology related to new kinds of collections, digitization projects, etc.
- Service issues: Sessions in this stream could include topics related to both library programming and collections, as well as reference and circulation issues.
- Focus on the Atlantic Provinces: Sessions in this stream will focus on library and information issues in the Atlantic Provinces.

The choice of sessions for the program will be made by the Program Committee, chaired by President Margaret Law. Groups and individuals wishing to propose sessions are

requested to complete the Conference Event Form (in pdf format) on the CLA website and submit it to Brenda Shields at bshields@cla.ca. **The deadline for proposals is October 31, 2001.** Proposals for pre-conference events may also be submitted. Complete the Preconference Event Form (also in pdf format) and submit it as above.

The proposals are to include a brief outline of the proposed program, including its relation to the theme, the name of the speaker (the format will permit only one speaker per session), the appropriate stream, and a draft budget.

For more details on the program consult Changes Proposed to CLA Halifax As Approved by CLA Executive Council, June 13, 2001. All CLA units will be contacted individually for the details on business meetings and social events.

### SUMMER READING Program 2001

The 2001 SRP (Summer Reading Program), *Don't Bug me...I'm Reading!/Je m'embLte pas... je lis!*, with its theme of all things buggy, appears to be the most popular Program to date! An estimated 13,000 children visited their local public library, either in person or via the Web, reading numerous books and participating in various theme related activities.

The conclusion of this year's Program was celebrated by the annual province wide draw for a *Bag of Books* donated by Tattletales Books Ltd., Penhorn Mall, Dartmouth in mid September. This year's winners were Sébastien McBride from AVRL in the pre-school to six age category; Keagan Nickerson from WCRL in the seven to nine age category; and Stephanie Smith from CBRL in the 10 to 12 age category. Congratulations to all who participated in this year's SRP!

## REFERENCE ON THE NET

Here are some more reference questions referred to the Provincial Library by the Regional Public Libraries which were answered using resources found on the Internet.

Q. Would like to find the population statistics for towns in Annapolis County and Kings County in Nova Scotia.

A. At the Statistics Canada site at http://www.statcan.ca/start.html, click on the "Community Profiles" bar at the top of the page. The search form here enables you to search for census figures for any town in Canada. Census figures for 1996 and 1991 are here for each town but note that this isn't a good source of information for certain communities where the only data

given is for the larger subdivision of the county municipality which they are a part of. For example, the search for Greenwood finds the population figure for Kings County, Subdivision A which is 22,700 for 1996. The population of Greenwood is included in this figure but not given separately. The actual population figures for towns such as Kentville, Middleton and Windsor are given.

Q. Wants to know the meaning of the German word "twen".

A. At Martindale's Language & Translation Center at http://sun2.lib.uci.edu/HSG/Language.html browse to find the German/Deutsch section. Two of the dictionaries listed here have this word. The "ENGLISH-GERMAN" "DEUTSCH-ENGLISCH" ZERES Wörterbuch Online at http://www.zeres.de/dict/index.html gives the definition as a "person in their twenties". The "ENGLISH-GERMAN" "DEUTSCH-ENGLISCH" - LEO (Link Everything Online) Dictionary at http://www.dict.leo.org/ gives the use "youth market - der Twen-Markt". yourDictionary.com at http://www.yourdictionary.com/ is a similar site to Martindale's Language & Translation Center.

At this site select German from the "Language Dictionaries" section. There is one dictionary here, the HarperCollins German-English Dictionary at http://wordreference.com/ which has a definition of "twen" as a "person in his/her twenties".

## LINKed

With Remembrance Day approaching on November 11, it seems like a good time to highlight some authoritative sources of information on Canadian military history.

The History section of the Veterans Affairs Canada site at http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=history is also available in French at http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=history&CFNoCache=TRUE. Information on the role of Canadians in the First World War, the Second World War and the Korean War can be found here. The Records & Collections section at http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=collections has links to the Books of Remembrance where you can display pictures of the sections of the books where particular names of soldiers who were killed are listed. The Records & Collections section also has a link to the Canadian Virtual War Memorial at http://www.virtualmemorial.gc.ca/. This is a searchable registry of information about the graves and memorials of more than 116,000 Canadians and Newfoundlanders. Information on Medals and Decorations at http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=collections/cmdp/mainmenu has extensive pictures and information from the book, Canadian Orders, Decorations and Medals, copyright, The Unitrade Press of Toronto.

From Colony to Country: a Reader's Guide to Canadian Military History at http://www.nlc-bnc.

ca/2/13/ is a bilingual pathfinder prepared by the National Library of Canada. This is a comprehensive guide which includes monographs, Websites, historic sites, oral histories, pictorial sources, fiction and drama, and sources of genealogical and family history information. The information is arranged under four headings: General Section, Northwest Campaign, South African War, and World War I and each of these sections has subheadings.

The Canadian War Museum at http://www.warmuseum.ca/ is a bilingual site where there is access to the online catalogue of the Libraries and Archives of the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum at http://.geoweb.civilization.ca:8001/. This catalogue can be reached through the Quick Links menu at the top of the main page. The Collections bar links to a searchable catalogue of the artifacts of the Canadian Museum of Civilization at http://collections.civilization.ca/ which is composed of the Canadian Museum of Civilization and the Canadian War Museum.

The Directorate of History and Heritage of the Dept. of National Defence at http://www.dnd.ca/hr/dhh/ is another bilingual site. http://www.dnd.ca/hr/dhh/engraph/home_e.aspThe History and Archives section leads to the Historical Resource Center at http://www.dnd.ca/hr/dhh/history_archives/engraph/Resources_e.asp?cat=4 where a number of online resources can be accessed through the pop-up menu. These include the Canadian Battle Series, a series of 17 brochures each detailing an historic battle in which Canadians participated.

There is also an Archival Holdings database and a Library Holdings catalogue. Both of these are currently in Adobe Acrobat but there are plans to make them web-based. In the Historical Books section select "Out of Circulation" from the drop-down menu to access the full text of several books produced by the Directorate of History and Heritage. These are also available through the Publications section on the main page. Another link on the main page is to Significant Dates at http://www.dnd.ca/hr/dhh/dates/engraph/significant_dates_e.asp?cat=8. This section has menus which pop-up to select significant dates in Canadian military history accompanied by brief information about each.

On a local note Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library has a page of links to pictures of the war monuments in their area on their web site at http://www.parl.ns.ca/projects/cenotaph. From their main page this can be found by clicking on "Local History & Culture" and then "War Cenotaphs". There is also a "More Veterans" link here which has the names of local war veterans and pictures of newspaper clippings about them and a "Miscellaneous" section which has pictures of World War II newspapers photographs from local newspapers. This War Cenotaph project was sponsored by Pictou-Antigonish Regional Library and LibraryNet.

Web sites which were featured in previous "Linked" columns are now arranged by subject category on the Reference Services page of the Provincial Library web site at http://www.

library.ns.ca/reference/index.html. If you have any suggestions about future topics for this column please contact Carol Morris at morrisc@gov.ns.ca.

## PROFESSIONAL READING

In this months column, two recent additions to the professional collection are featured. These items can be borrowed through regular interlibrary loan channels. Please send requests via email to Dale MacMillan at inshpl@nshpl.library.ns.ca.

Paling, Stephen - *A hardware and software primer for librarians: vendor forgot to tell you.* Lanham, Md: Scarecrow Press, 1999. Call #: PROF 004 .16 Pal

This book is written for an audience outside the information technology field. It is intended to be a guide for librarians who received their training before the current emphasis on technology and for directors faced with writing budgets and specifications for technology they understand as low-end users. It discusses hardware such as expansion cards, CPU's, memory and printers and reviews whole systems as well. In addition, it compares software packages and operating systems and addresses integrating hardware and software to match the needs of libraries.

Soete, George J. - *The library meeting survival manual.* San Diego, Calif: Tulane Street Publications, 2000. Call #: PROF 025 .1 Soe

The author has written this book to address the special circumstances of libraries and to propose realistic strategies for improving library meetings. The basic assumption of this book is that because librarians spend so much time attending meetings and have such a dependence on them to run their institutions, that they are motivated to make fundamental changes in their meetings to improve their effectiveness. Some of the features of this book include a tool for diagnosing your meetings, twelve practical actions for making your meetings more productive and satisfying, a planning checklist and job aids - forms that will help the reader implement the actions he/she decides to take.

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